

Ring No. and Sex	Date and place of Ringing	Date and place of Recovery	Remarks
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House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)

A-82898 ♂	22-1-1969. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	× 19-5-1969. Tadjik SSR, Moscow Reg., near Kulab. (c. 37° 55'N., 69° 48'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
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Common Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*)

AB-21078 ♀	18-3-1969. Bharatpur, Rajasthan, (c. 27° 13'N., 77° 32'E.)	+ 16-6-1969. Uliyanovsk Reg., near Inza (c. 53° 50'N., 46° 21'E.)	Reported by Bird Ringing Centre, Moscow, USSR
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13. OCCURRENCE OF THE ROCK LIZARD (*PSAMMOPHILUS* SP.) IN TIRUKKALIKKUNRAM HILL, CHINGLEPUT DT., TAMIL NADU

The two species of the genus *Psammophilus* occur, according to Smith (1935), FAUNA OF BRITISH INDIA, Reptiles 2 : 208-210, at 'considerable altitudes' on hills in their distributional range in Peninsular India. I have also seen the species of the genus usually above 2000 ft., and was therefore surprised to see specimens of *Psammophilus* on the 500-feet high Tirukkalikunram Hill situated 50 miles south-west of Madras. I was also not aware of the occurrence of *Psammophilus* so close to Madras though *Psammophilus dorsalis* has been recorded from South Arcot.

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14. DEFANGED COBRAS, HOW THEY SURVIVE

In July 1968, in Bangalore I met and spent some time with a 'snake-charmer' named Sayed Imam. He and his sons travel to Thailand, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Malaysia every year making their living mostly around the U.S. Military bases there. As the vast majority of snake-charmers do, he defangs the cobras he uses in his act. In his younger days he had been bitten a few times and had scars and a couple of misshapen fingers as evidence. He said that he would show me how he